UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES

23 Mag. 6395

- V. -

KOSTAS FEKKAS,

Defendant.

STIPULATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR 7TH OR SUBSEQUENT ORDER OF CONTINUANCE AND 19TH ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

The United States of America and the defendant jointly request and agree that the time period from February 26, 2025, to and through March 26, 2025, be excluded from the computation of the period within which an information or indictment must be filed, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7). The parties submit that there is good cause for an additional exclusion of time because such an exclusion will potentially allow the parties to dispose of the case without the need for a trial. In particular, the defendant was arrested on or about September 14, 2023, charged in a complaint issued on or about September 14, 2023, with violating 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(2)(B) and (b)(1), receipt of child pornography; 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2), possession of child pornography; and 1470, attempted transfer of obscene material, and detained since September 14, 2023. The defendant and the Government have been involved in disposition negotiations since the defendant was charged, and as part of those negotiations, defense counsel submitted a mitigation proposal to the Government on August 12, 2024. The Government has completed review of the mitigation proposal and provided a response to defense counsel on February 5, 2025. Defense counsel has requested more time to discuss with the defendant the Government's response, but needs more time beyond February 26, 2025, when the Speedy Trial Act currently requires the Government to indict the defendant, to complete those discussions. Accordingly, the interests of justice in allowing defense counsel and the defendant time to discuss the Government's response to the mitigation proposal, the defendant time to consider his next steps in the case, and the parties time to continue negotiating a potential disposition without trial, outweigh the defendant's and the public's interest in a speedy trial.

By the following signatures we agree and consent to the exclusion of time noted above:

Rachel Martin 2/20/2025 Defendant's Counsel

Date

Feb. 14, 2025

Rachel Martin, Esq.

Date

The defendant states that he has been fully advised by counsel of his rights guaranteed under (a) the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution; (b) the Speedy Trial Act of 1974, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161–74; and (c) the plans and rules of this Court adopted pursuant to that Act. The defendant understands that he has a right

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to be charged by indictment or information, and to have a trial before a judge or jury, within a specified time (excluding certain time periods) under the Constitution and Rules and Laws of the United States identified above. The defendant consents and agrees to the above request. Defense counsel has discussed this stipulation with the defendant and has the defendant's authorization to sign on his behalf.

/s/ Kostas Fekkas	02/20/2025
Defendant	 Date
KOSTAS FEKKAS	

The joint application of the United States of America and the defendant having been heard at a proceeding on the date below, the time period from **February 26**, **2025**, to and through **March 26**, **2025**, is hereby excluded in computing the time within which an indictment or information must be filed. The Court grants this continuance on the finding that the ends of justice outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, for the reasons set forth above. The Court further orders: ________.

Dated: February _____, 2025 White Plains, New York SO ORDERÆD

United States Magistrate Judge